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KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Bridgeton residents call for action on radioactive contamination concerns - 9/5/15 - Activists worried about the radioactive waste in both Coldwater Creek and the Westlake Landfill in Bridgeton are calling for action. New reports released by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster show radiological contamination in trees outside the landfill boundaries.
<http://fox2now.com/2015/09/04/contamination-concerns-over-north-county-radioactive-waste/>

Also KPLR Ch. 11 St. Louis

Examiner - Missouri AG Koster warns fire might reach radioactive waste in three months - 9/7/15 - On Sept. 3, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster released expert testimony that radioactive and toxic contaminants have been detected in offsite areas surrounding the Bridgeton and West Lake landfills located in north St. Louis County. <http://www.examiner.com/article/missouri-ag-koster-warns-fire-might-reach-radioactive-waste-three-months>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - State senator blasts St. Louis County response to Bridgeton environmental crisis - 9/2/15 - Missouri State Sen. Maria Chapelle-Nadal Friday criticized St. Louis County for diverting health department funds that might otherwise be directed to addressing the “ongoing” Westlake Landfill and Coldwater Creek “environmental crisis” to the park system and other county programs. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/state-senator-blasts-st-louis-county-response-to-bridgeton-environmental/article_bb5bcc88-2db2-557b-90f7-82b58381988a.html

Hays (Kan.) Post - Remediation continues at zinc-contaminated site - 9/7/15 - EPA Region 7 expects to begin its next round of residential yard soil remediation work during the week of September 21 at the Former United Zinc and Associated Smelters Superfund Site in Iola.
<http://www.hayspost.com/2015/09/07/remediation-continues-at-zinc-contaminated-site/>

Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald - Dubuque eyes \$12 million project - 9/8/15 - The Dubuque City Council will consider a 15-year plan of staggered upgrades to a \$70 million wastewater-treatment plant at its meeting tonight. http://www.thonline.com/news/tri-state/article_0693a529-03f7-5a48-ac16-e6b29c86b952.html

Kansas City Star - Construction to begin soon on precedent-setting ‘green’ apartments on Kansas City riverfront - 9/7/15 - Sixteen-inch-thick concrete walls. Rooftop gardens. A 90 percent reduction in energy use compared to current building codes. Amid a flood of new and redeveloped apartment. Those things stand out about a \$60 million apartment project slated for the Missouri riverfront just north of downtown. <http://www.kansascity.com/news/business/article34302162.html>

Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier - Running for cover: Farmers move toward conservation with cover crops - 9/8/15 - Agriculture officials want farmers to think clean these days. Water is an example. Recently, in fact, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recently announced \$3.5 million in cost share funds to help farmers install nutrient reduction practices has been obligated to farmers in each of Iowa's 99 counties. http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/running-for-cover-farmers-move-toward-conservation-with-cover-crops/article_1cfda80d-0930-5c95-b28b-47bdcc9ba47b.html

Agrinews - What is your favorite cover crop? - 9/8/15 - An oat variety trial at the Iowa State University Northern Research and Demonstration Farm at Kanawha provided a good spot for a cover crop demonstration plot this fall. http://www.agrinews.com/news/iowa_news/what-is-your-favorite-cover-crop/article_dde7de80-2409-5af6-8f14-368271138f88.html

Des Moines Register - Letter: Why is nitrate treatment overlooked? - 9/6/15 - Why has the effective and relatively inexpensive solution of treating nitrate in drinking water been largely overlooked? Maybe the lawsuit is more about the desire for a good urban-rural fight than it is about providing safe drinking water. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/09/04/why-nitrate-treatment-overlooked/71512924/>

High Plains Journal (Hays, Kan.) - EPA: Clean water rule in effect despite court ruling - 9/7/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency says it is going forward with a new federal rule to protect small streams, tributaries and wetlands, despite a court ruling that blocked the measure in 13 central and western states. http://www.hpj.com/ag_news/epa-clean-water-rule-in-effect-despite-court-ruling/article_3264f283-a356-5794-b7a6-efaf0490c20b.html

High Plains Journal (Hays, Kan.) - Column: I'll trust my water to a rancher, thank you very much - 9/7/15 - The fact of the matter is this: Who do you trust to keep our land and our water safe? A farmer or rancher whose entire legacy is the land he tends, or a government bureaucrat who thinks he knows best? I'll put my money on the rancher every time. http://www.hpj.com/opinion/i-ll-trust-my-water-to-a-rancher-thank-you/article_dbd22c4f-4549-5791-8761-35610d7dc5ad.html

Grand Island (Neb.) Independent - State leaders defending Nebraska from the EPA - 9/5/15 - Whatever they decide, they should act fast. Our state's energy choices should be made here, not by Washington bureaucrats. All they've done so far is design another federal mandate that's all economic pain—ours—and literally no environmental gain. http://www.theindependent.com/opinion/another_opinion/state-leaders-defending-nebraska-from-the-epa/article_e6219964-5342-11e5-8428-7b2aa4704826.html

Lawrence (Kan.) Journal World - Editorial: Quake connection - 9/7/15 - The number and intensity of

earthquakes in south-central Kansas has declined, but the state still needs a long-term strategy on the disposal of wastewater from oil wells. <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/sep/07/editorial-quake-connection/>

Associated Press - Kansas Geological Survey says earthquake problem continues - 9/4/15 - Regulations that seem to have contributed to lowering the number of earthquakes are set to expire Sept. 13. <http://cjonline.com/news/2015-09-04/kansas-geological-survey-says-earthquake-problem-continues>

Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald - Dubuque ahead of the curve on landfill emissions - 9/5/15 - Dubuque officials are ahead of the curve when it comes to capturing a potent greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. What to do with that gas, however, remains a challenging proposition. http://www.thonline.com/news/tri-state/article_2f50413e-e350-5fc9-b36f-486124c3c4a9.html

Reuters - Oil train risks affect many U.S. schools, group says - 9/8/15 - Thousands of U.S. schools sit along rail corridors used to carry toxic substances such as crude oil and would be at risk in the event of a derailment, an environmental group said on Tuesday as it called for a temporary halt on oil trains. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/08/us-oil-railways-safety-idUSKCN0R817520150908>

Washington (D.C.) Examiner - Republicans suspect strong agency bias in EPA toxic spill probe - 9/4/15 - House Republicans say the Obama administration's investigation into last month's toxic spill in Colorado is "susceptible to political influence" that could cover up facts surrounding the accident. <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/republicans-suspect-strong-agency-bias-in-epa-toxic-spill-probe/article/2571472>

The Hill - EPA faces grilling over toxic mine spill - 9/7/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will face tough questions as lawmakers return and examine the mine waste spill it caused in Colorado. Four congressional committees have planned hearings on the Aug. 5 spill of heavy metal sludge into a tributary of the Animas River near Silverton, Colo. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/252738-epa-faces-grilling-over-toxic-mine-spill>

Associated Press - Congress wades into toxic mine spill caused by EPA crew - 9/7/15 - Lawmakers will start a round of hearings this week on how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accidentally caused a toxic mine spill that has contaminated rivers in three Western states. <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/09/07/congress-wades-into-toxic-mine-spill-caused-by-epa-crew/>

Denver Post - EPA: Treatment at Colorado mine spill site will cost \$3 million - 9/5/15 - Federal environmental officials estimate it will cost about \$3 million to set up and operate a temporary water treatment system for a year at the leaching Gold King Mine above Silverton. http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28765504/epa-treatment-at-colorado-mine-spill-site-will

Associated Press - States rarely punish companies for oil wastewater spills - 9/8/15 - Regardless of the damage done, the no-penalty policy is standard practice across the country after oilfield wastewater accidents by companies of all sizes. Spills by the tens of thousands have denuded farm and ranch lands and polluted waters in oil-producing areas for decades, yet only a small minority resulted in discipline. Regulators' approach toward oil spills is largely the same.

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/2d0de615d98841f9b4ac5ea74f499979/states-rarely-punish-companies-oil-wastewater-spills>

Associated Press - Exclusive: Drilling boom means more harmful waste spills - 9/8/15 - Carl Johnson and son Justin are third- and fourth-generation ranchers who for decades have battled oilfield companies that left a patchwork of barren earth where the men graze cattle in the high plains of New Mexico. Blunt and profane, they stroll across a 1 1/2-acre patch of sandy soil — lifeless, save for a scattering of stunted weeds. <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/39786bbf509e412a9feb9b58a6534a36/drilling-boom-brings-rising-number-harmful-waste-spills>